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DATE: June 17, 1987 NUMBER: R1-TH-87-14

MEMORANDUM FOR: Regional Assistance Committee (RAC)
Radiological Emergency Preparedness Task Force (REP)

FROM: Edward A. Thomas
RAC Chairman

SUBJECT: FEMA's Seabrook ASLB Submission

Attached are two sets of materials. The first is the package which FEMA submitted to the Seabrook Off-Site Atomic Safety and Licensing Board on June 4, 1987. This represents FEMA's response to the interrogatories directed at this Agency, including FEMA's position on the admitted contentions to this ASLB proceeding (Appendix A of package). FEMA's position on the contentions found in Appendix A is based primarily on the RAC review performed on Rev. 2 of the New Hampshire plans submitted to FEMA and the RAC in August of 1986.

One area in particular which requires discussion here is FEMA's response to the contentions dealing with the issue of protective actions for the beach populations around Seabrook. The response to those contentions are found on pages 38 and 39 of Appendix A. As you will remember, a special RAC meeting was held in Boston on April 15 of this year to deal with the adequacy of the New Hampshire State planning for the beach population. The end result was basically the adoption of the February 18, 1987 Bores position paper on the Protection of New Hampshire Beach Populations (with very minor modifications) by FEMA and the RAC to support a finding of adequacy for New Hampshire planning in this area (Appendix D of attachment). A crucial component of this position paper was the inclusion of expert technical opinion, and by assumption future testimony by NRC, on the exceptional nature of Seabrook's containment system which would result in a planning base for Seabrook way in excess of the current 1/2 hour mimimum described in NUREG-0654/FEMA REP-1. Subsequent to the April 15 RAC meeting, it was decided in Washington by NRC that it did not think it wise to include any references to the utility's PRA study and Brookhaven National Laboratory's review of that study. Therefore, all references to those two issues were dropped from the February 18 position paper which the RAC reviewed and adopted on April 15.

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In its response to those contentions dealing with the beach population issue (pages 38-39 of Appendix A), FEMA therefore was compelled to make a negative finding with respect to this issue, instead of the positive finding which was originally anticipated.

A copy of the revised Beach Population paper, dated June 4, 1987, which contains no reference to enhanced containment, is included for your review and information.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or Bruce Swiren of my staff at FTS 223-9561.

Attachments

P.S. WE'LL BE HAVING A RAC MEETING ON BEACH ISSUE WEEK OF JULY 6.